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The Sullivan Catskills has always been a legendary vacationland, known for its hospitality and fresh air.

We welcome you to come enjoy summer-time right in our backyard. With Memorial Day upon us we anticipate a busy and bustling season. Come raft down the Delaware River or enjoy a concert at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. There's so much to do.

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Explore the beautiful Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock festival,

which took place right here in Bethel, NY. The Dove Trail is now a legacy project with 60 hand-painted doves by local artists and displayed in towns, villages and at several tourism businesses. Can you find them all?

Summer is a great time to get outside and explore. From mountains to lakes to rivers we have a variety of water and land adventure. Find your perfect hike with Trail-keeper, which provides detailed information such as the length of the trail, terrain, and things to do nearby.

Mountain bike through our scenic mountains or go for a stroll down a rail trail—all levels of activity can be found here. Revel in the crystal-clear waters of our rivers while you raft, kayak, canoe, or tube! And then make sure to go for a swim to cool off. You might even see a bald eagle.

From outdoor experiences to rejuvenating respite from the hustle and bustle, the Sullivan Catskills is the perfect destination for your summer trip. Visit our website (www.sullivancatskills.com) for up to the minute travel information, events, and to build your next trip or download our app...Sullivan Catskills Go!



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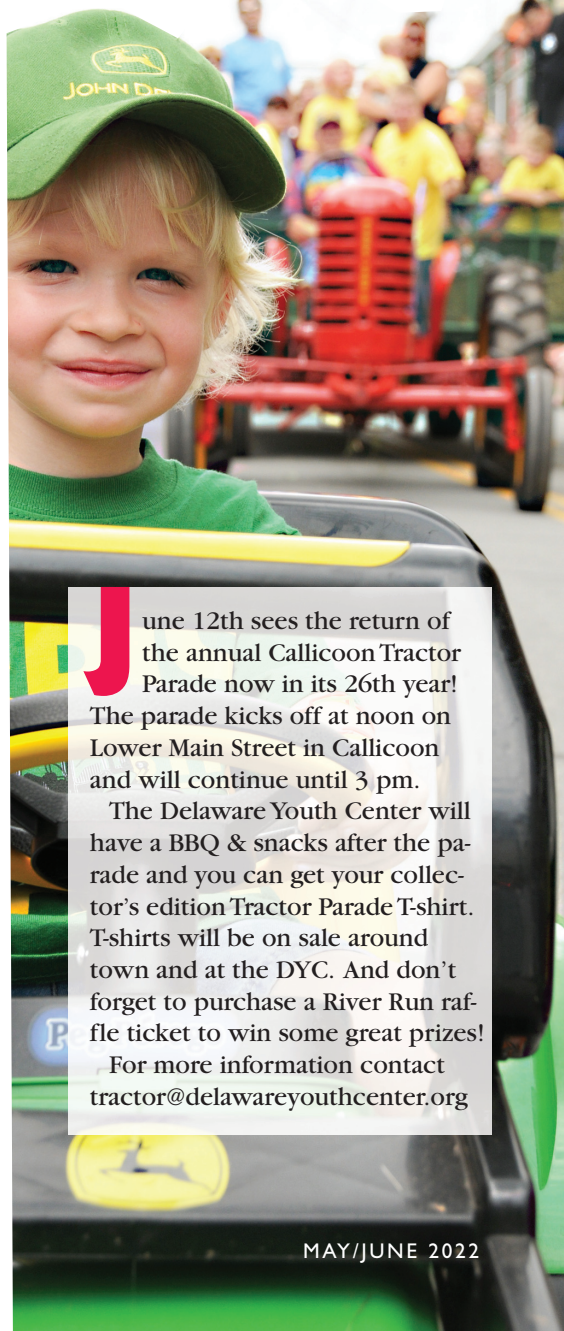
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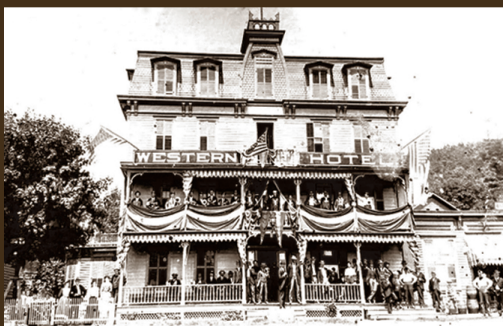
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lakeside music & more

On Thursday evenings beginning June 25th, there's music in the air at Kauneonga's Gazebo Park or if it rains at the Firemen's Pavilion just down the hill and around the bend. Bring your friends, family, lawn chair, or a blanket and enjoy a night full of live entertainment. Founded in 2017, Bethel Lakeside music celebrates its sixth summer concert series season and 3rd annual Tribute to First Responders.

Bethel Lakeside Music's summer-long, free, no ticket required concert series with views of the lake, offers a fabulous array of diverse music from celebrated favorites, interesting speakers, and a few surprises in-between. A music genre melting pot of rock, folk, soul, Broadway tunes, and classical guitarists including Classical Guitarist and composer Nilko Andreas Guarin, praised as an electrifying performer at his 2009 performance at Carnegie Hall. Aerial Acoustics, the guitar duo, Dorothy Wagner, and Dennis Smith a favorite at Bethel Lakeside Music performed at the White House.

The full lineup of top artists performing at Bethel Lakeside Music includes, Nilko Andreas & La Mar NYC, Aerial Acoustics,

Callicoon Station, Robert Tellefsen, Scott Eckers Broadway Review, Laura Garone and Southern Fired Soul, Jacketown Road, Fisher & Kean, The River Ramblers, Joanna M Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra, Keith Newman & Lynn Reno, Rachel Berkman & Liam Leary, and Lighten up.

This weekly concert series is made possible by the Town of Bethel, the Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC), Bethel Council of the Arts (BCA), the Bethel Business Association (BBA) Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), and generous sponsors.

- Hike through the Forest Reserve at Smallwood and bring your furry friend to visit with other canines at the Town of Bethel Dog Park or exercise on the nearby outdoor workout equipment.
- Stroll through the Hamlet of Kauneonga on Saturdays and pick up local goods from over 21 vendors at the Kauneonga Lake Farmers' and Makers Market.
- Visit the local shops or the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods.
- Have breakfast, lunch, or dinner at one of the local eclectic restaurants.
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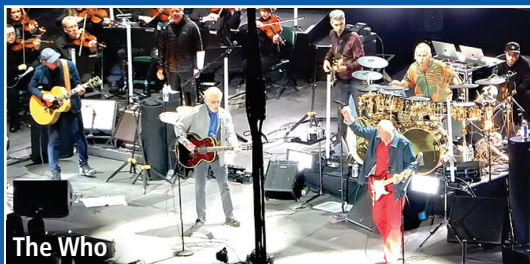
Bethel Woods

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concert calendar 2022

As always, the Bethel Woods summer concert lineup doesn't disappoint. Here's a look at what's ahead as of press time. Things can change, so also check www.bethelwoodscenter.org.

- **May 28 - The Who**
- **June 4 - Brad Paisley with special guests Tracy Lawrence & Tenille Townes**
- **June 5 - Celtic Woman (Pavilion-only)**
- **June 17 - Bill Burr (Slight Return)**
- **June 23 - Thomas Rhett with Parker McCollum & Conner Smith**
- **July 1 - Dead & Company**
- **July 2 - The Doobie Brothers 50th Anniversary Tour featuring**



Michael McDonald

- **July 3 - Steely Dan**
- **July 5 - Josh Groban with special guest Preservation Hall Jazz Band also featuring Lucia Micarelli and Eleri Ward**
- **July 8 - Train with special guests Jewel, Blues Traveler & Will Anderson**
- **July 14 - Chicago & Brian Wilson with Al Jardine & Blondie Chaplin**
- **July 15 - OneRepublic with special guest NEEDTOBREATHE**
- **July 19 - Alanis Morissette with special guest Garbage**



- **July 20** - Dave Matthews Band
- **July 22 & 23** - Phish
- **July 24** - Backstreet Boys
- **July 30** - Norah Jones with special guest Regina Spektor (Pavilion-only)
- **August 4** - Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band
- **August 13** - Outlaw Music Festival feat. Willie Nelson & Family, ZZ Top, Zach Bryan, Charley Crockett & The War and Treaty



- **August 14** - Backroads Blues Festival: Buddy Guy & Kenny Wayne Shepherd with special guest Christone "Kingfish" Ingram
- **August 19** - Brandi Carlile with special guests Yola and Allison Russell

- **August 21** - Santana with Earth, Wind & Fire
- **August 23** - Encanto: The Sing Along Film Concert



- **August 25** - The Beach Boys – Sixty Years of the Sounds of Summer with special guests The Temptations
- **September 3** - Darius Rucker with Jameson Rodgers & Elvie Shane

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TAP[®] New York Craft Beer & Food Festival

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New York State's longest—running beer festival is coming to Bethel Woods on May 21st & 22nd.

The event features over 200 beers from 100 breweries from all across New York State and has been voted one of the best beer festivals in the country by USA Today. All breweries participate through invite-only and have the chance to be awarded a number of prestigious cups and medals.

"After a decade of hosting beverage festivals of our own, we are thrilled to be adding TAP[®] New York to our calendar," said Eric Frances, Bethel Woods Chief Executive Officer. "It is an exciting opportunity to bring the Bethel Woods magic to a long-standing, beloved

event."

Live music will be featured both days with performances by "The Wallflowers" and "The Nude Party" on Saturday and "Almost Queen" and "Black Dog on Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased online at bethelwoodscenter.org

This is a 21+ event. All attendees, including Designated Drivers, MUST be 21+ years of age. Photo ID required for entry.

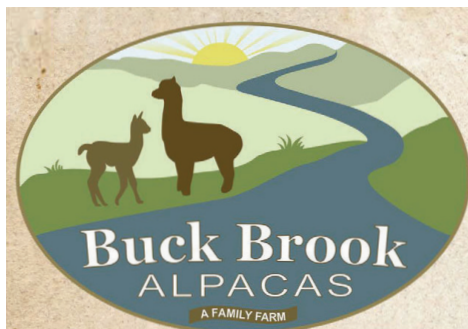
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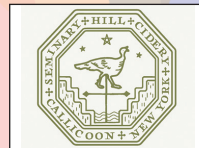
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Each room at the Rose Cottage has artwork adorning its walls alongside cozy beds and places to relax. Opposite: Guests can enjoy the scenery on the generous porch and watch the sunsets over the field that used to host a weekly softball game in the 1950s. Bottom right: Enjoy an after dinner drink at the Rose Cottage's bar - they're specialty is the iconic "Pink Lady" which was invented in De Bruce.



sit a spell

by
Margaret Bruetsch



If you sit on the porch at the Rose Cottage in De Bruce you look out over a field that used to be part of a golf course. It's easy to imagine the area back 50 years ago, and slip into a state of relaxation as a gentle breeze blows.

"All of the old houses had porches and that's how people saw the world," says Marilyn Lusker, owner and proprietress of the Rose Cottage.

The Rose Cottage is a continuation of the legacy of hospitality set down by Lusker's parents Walter and Rose Kocher who operated the De Bruce Club Inn during the heyday of Sullivan County's resorts from the 1940s through the 1960s.

In the 1980s Lusker and her late husband Ron bought nearby Nangle's Resort and reopened as the De Bruce Country Inn from 1983 until 2014. After her husband passed in 2014, Lusker pivoted from taking care of over

36 rooms at the Country Inn to renovating the Rose Cottage and opening the 5 bedroom bed & breakfast.

"It's nice to have people still feel at home here," Lusker's niece Anne Miller says. "Something we hear from guests a lot is how well cared for they are. Marilyn is an amazing hostess and she makes people feel like family."

In addition to the Bed & Breakfast, Lusker, and her brother Bill Kocher, rent out the Swiss Cottage just up the road as a short-term vacation rental and have recently overseen the restoration and reopening of Davidson's General Store just a quick walk down the road from the Rose Cottage.

Guests can also explore nature, fly fish in the Willowemoc or just disconnect and return to the calming sense of nature during their stay.

"We have a trail we're in the process of marking for guests to have access to the big water-

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Breakfast & dinner is included with each booking and served in the dining room adjacent to the living room (above). After dinner guests can relax and play some board games or listen to music in front of the woodstove (right). The Rose Cottage is working on a nature trail up past the Willowemoc (below) or they can just get outside and enjoy De Bruce's wilderness.

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fall," Lusker says.

Guests at the Rose Cottage are not only treated to bucolic views, but also to a wide array of art from Lusker's former gallery The Left Bank in Liberty.

Breakfast and dinner are included when guests book their stay with seasonal and fresh culinary delights provided by Chef Edwin Pubil. And in the evenings, guests can enjoy a taste of history



with the iconic "Pink Lady" signature cocktail – named after the fishing dry fly, both of which were invented in De Bruce.

"Our website says we have a continuing tradition of generous hospitality, and that's what we have," Lusker says.

Whether you're looking for a weekend away fishing, or just want to stop by to visit and learn about the history, the Rose Cottage Bed & Breakfast's doors are open for those in the area and from farther away. And there's a seat on the porch waiting just for you.

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The Delaware River is perhaps one of Sullivan County's most treasured natural resources. It offers scenic views year round and is one of the most popular spots during the summer months for fishing, boating and more. Visitors and locals alike flock to its shores.

But like any body of water, the river holds its dangers as we saw last summer when there were 5 drownings within a two week span – two in one day. So this year while celebrating the beauty of the river, also keep in mind these tips from the National Parks Service (NPS) on river safety & pre-



by Margaret Bruetsch

paredness as you plan.

Like any outdoor activity or trip, be prepared for all elements when you visit the river. Pack your life jackets, sunscreen, plenty of water, snacks, sturdy river shoes or an old pair of sneakers, a change of clothes, a dry towel, and any medications you may need in case of delays.

“Expect to be out on the water longer than you anticipated,” Susie Kaspar of the NPS recommends. And be aware that glass bottles

are not allowed on the river – so if you’re bringing alcohol from home leave the glass at home.

Check the weather and be prepared for thunderstorms or rain during the summer. When you arrive listen to all safety talks if you’re renting a raft, and make sure all your gear is secured inside the vessel. It never hurts to be overly prepared.

“The river levels can be a little different every day,” Kaspar explained. “In the winter, we have

but with safety

large ice flows, and when the river starts to move in the spring those ice flows can move rocks.”

You should never jump from rocks or bridges into the river. You won't know how deep the water is, and there could be underwater obstructions you could injure yourself on. And know that the

river is ever changing, from swift currents to drop-offs, so play it safe

While we most often associate life jackets with boating on the river, it's also important to wear one while swimming.

“Most people who drown on the river know how to swim...

...there have been 74 drownings since 1980 when we started keeping track,” Susie Kaspar said. “Only 4 of those were someone with a life jacket that wasn't properly worn. We've never had somebody drown on the river that was wearing a properly fitted life jacket”

A properly fitted life jacket should be snug when fastened, and if you pull up on the shoulders it shouldn't come above your chin.

“Life jackets are required on any

vessel that you are on that brings you from point A to point B. So if you head up river, down river or across and back,” Kaspar said. These include paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, rafts, and tubes.

By law, all children 12 & under have to be wearing life jackets at all times. Meanwhile adults only have to have them accessible & within easy reach in a boat, but it's highly recommended to be worn at all times. When the river

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is over 6 ft. in height life jackets must be worn by all for safety.

If you need a life jacket, the Park Service does have locations with loaner life jackets you can borrow for the day and then return.

It's important to always be aware on the river and keep an eye on your whole party. In the case of an emergency, you want to make sure you have your life jacket on before you try to help others. And if your boat flips, try

to stay upstream and away from the vessel.

"People always think people yell for help, but a drowning person very rarely can yell for help," Kaspar said. "They won't be flailing their arms. Their head will be bobbing up and down and they'll be sucking in air. It happens so quickly."

If you see someone in distress you should always be wearing your life jacket, and try to throw

them a line or reach for them rather than swim out to them - you don't want to endanger yourself. If all else fails go for help.

Remember cell phone service along the river is sometimes spotty, so you should always try to get to a road-way or a residence after coming to shore. Or you can always flag down a livery van to get help.



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What's old is new

by
Margaret Bruetsch



The Homestead Restaurant + Lounge's roots go deep in Sullivan County. It has not only rebooted a classic Sullivan County brand to bring its touch to a new generation of visitors and locals, but it's also creating many of its dishes using fresh produce grown in Sullivan County soil on its own farm.

Aptly named The Eldred Preserve Farm, the 5-acre farm is just a stone's throw from Bethel Woods and grows exclusively for The Eldred Preserve, and its hospitality assets, including The Homestead, The Bradstan Boutique Hotel, and The Preserve

Weddings + Events.

But leave it to The Homestead to expand the meaning of the oft-touted farm-to-table concept. Instead of simply using farm-fresh produce, The Homestead has taken it a step further by returning its food waste to the farm to eventually become compost.

"Now we are a true farm-to-table-to-farm operation," Eldred Preserve Chief Operating Officer Scott Samuelson explained.

"Not many places have the opportunity to do both," Farm-To-Table Chef and Catering Chef John Botti.

Botti works closely with Executive Chef



Opposite: The Homestead Restaurant and Lounge offers both live music & music from their player piano for diners to enjoy. Or enjoy your meal outside with the sounds of nature. Farm-to-Table Chef John Botti and Executive Chef Dan Gonzalez work with farm fresh produce to create delicious entrees. Above: The original Homestead's porch has been reinvented for the new venture. Left: There's even a wine tasting room and private dining rooms available for special occasions.

Dan Gonzalez to create a multitude of menu items that change with the seasons. Last winter – the first since The Eldred Preserve formally opened its doors to guests – Botti and Gonzalez got to choose what was planted at The Eldred Preserve Farm, with the help of several seed catalogs provided by the farm's Growing Operations manager (a fancy name for onsite farmer), John Donovan.

By being able to choose some of what was grown, Botti and Gonzalez are now able to offer a more creative mix of dishes that fit with the season, each one featured

on the menu for two weeks before diners are introduced to something new.

Both Botti and Gonzalez have deep local roots as well. Botti, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, used to own and operate John's Harvest Inn at Middletown. Gonzalez graduated from SUNY Sullivan's culinary program.

"I actually started at the old Eldred Preserve," Gonzalez said. He left there and worked at other restaurants, including Scott Conant's Cellaio at Resorts World Catskills,

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There's plenty of space to dine and gather for a date night out or special event at The Homestead.

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before returning to The Eldred Preserve to lead the culinary team at The Homestead Restaurant + Lounge.

The farm-to-table-to-farm aspect is just one of the many ways The Homestead is keeping things local and fresh. Everyone on the team makes every effort to utilize locally produced products, including many of the beers and spirits served at its bar.

"We're still building, growing, and evolving, but our priority is always to make peo-

ple feel at home and comfortable here," Botti said. "We have the fine dining, but you can also come and eat at a modest budget."

The Homestead offers multiple dining experiences between the restaurant, the outdoor patio, and the lounge, making it an ideal choice for those celebrating a special occasion in its dining room, joining friends for casual but unique lounge bites, or simply taking a break to enjoy fine dining, fabulous views, and family.

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Menu items include Roasted Squash & Shaved Root Vegetable Salad. Keep your eyes out for specials like seared scallops.



"I'd venture to say we have one of the best burgers ever," Samuelson said. "And guests can still enjoy a taste of nostalgia with the original Homestead's classic raisin bread, which our onsite baker, Olivia, has mastered, and even improved."

But the raisin bread isn't the only "classic" at The Eldred Preserve. Nearly 15 years after the final curtain at The Bradstan Country Hotel Inn Cabaret Series fell, the famous Bradstan Cabaret is back this year with an

exciting lineup of performers.

And, of course, Samuelson and his partner, Eddie Dudek (the general manager of The Bradstan Boutique Hotel), will be playing hosts once again for this revival of the old Bradstan's famous New York City-caliber cabaret series.

"Come and see us and see what we can offer you," Botti said.

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Tuesday, May 17

PCC - Virtual Podcast Workshop Series - Introduction to Podcasting 1 p.m. Join Dale to discover and explore the world of podcasts. What are they? What types are there? Where and how to get them? For more information and registration visit Western Sullivan Public Library's calendar at www.WSPLonline.org. Zoom link and password will be emailed to you after registration.

Wednesday, May 18

WSPL Cricut Crafters Meet-up! 5:30 p.m. Do you Cricut?? Join Sara Diehl and other Cricut Crafters for a "Show and Tell". Come share your crafting ideas and brainstorm future projects. Space is limited, therefore registration is required. To register and for more information visit www.WSPLonline.org.

Thursday, May 19

WSPL Crafternoons for tweens and teens 4:30 p.m. Crafternoons offer a space to channel your inner child, find your flow, work with your hands, and spend some downtime with friends. We provide supplies and instructions - you provide the creative energy to get your DIY on! Held at our Delaware Free Branch in Callicoon. If you can't attend in

person, take home packets can be made available. Please register for either on our calendar at www.WSPLonline.org.

Friday, May 20

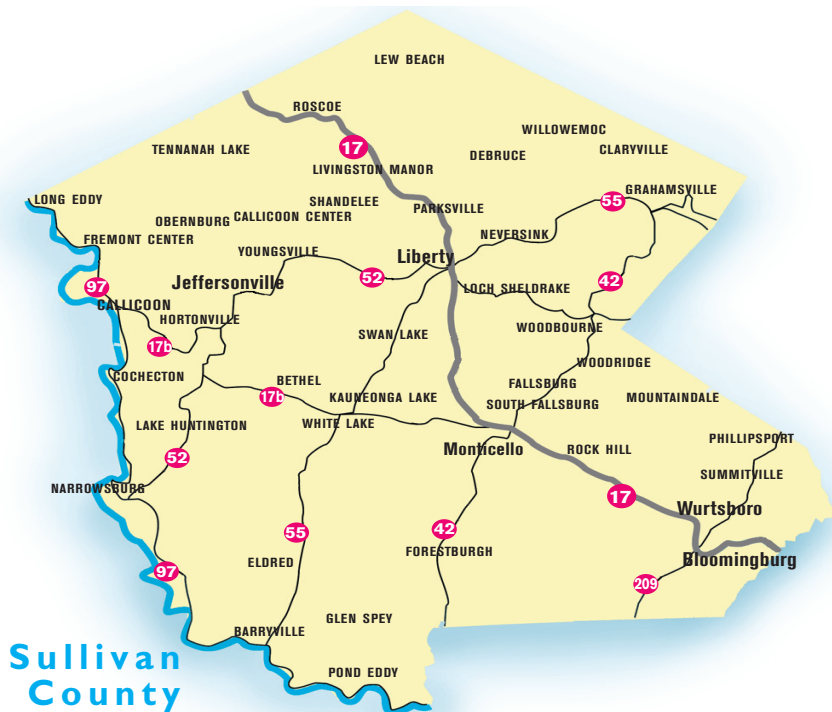
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Saturday, May 21

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Sullivan County Youth Book Festival 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come and enjoy Author signings, musical guests, crafts for kids, local children's services vendors, enjoy readings in the Story Garden plus character meet and greets. Ethelbert Crawford Library, 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more info visit scybookfest.org.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron Open House 12 - 4 p.m. Civil Air Patrol's Sullivan County Cadet Squadron is hosting an open house at the Sullivan County International Airport, building H7. According to Captain William Mason, squadron commander, the entire community is welcome to attend and learn more about CAP. Members of the squadron will be present to greet visitors and explain CAP's missions for America. CAP welcomes children ages 12-18 to join as Cadets, and adults to join to mentor the cadets. Light refreshments

will be provided. Visit www.CAPNews.org or www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com for more info.

Sunday, May 22

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Monday, May 23

Narrowsburg Knitters. Meet every Monday 6 p.m. Thinking of learning how to knit? Already have a project that you're working on? Join Irma at the Tusten-Cochection Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library and share ideas and your latest projects!

E. B Crawford Public Library Program 6 p.m. 'Nesin Cultural Arts Children's Choruses and Handbell Choir' presented at the E.B. Crawford Public Library on its outdoor stage. Registration is required and masking and social distancing is recommended. Visit ebcpl.org, hover over 'Events' then click Adult Calendar to register.

Tuesday, May 24

WSPL Virtual Google Workspace Basics 1 p.m.

Join Dale to discover and explore the world of Google Workspace. What is it? Key applications? Where and how to use them? For more information and registration visit Western Sullivan Public Library's calendar at www.WSPLonline.org. Zoom link and password will be emailed to you after registration.

Wednesday, May 25

WSPL Children's Garden Club 4:30 p.m. Join us for Garden Club Orientation. Come on out with any questions you might have. We'll talk about which plants we'd like to grow this year and details about the summer ahead. Be prepared to get your hands dirty, we'll be working in the garden together weeding through the plot and surrounding area to get our bed ready for the growing season ahead. This program is for children ages 6-11. Registration is required at www.WSPLonline.org. Please park in front of the Tusten-Cochecton Branch and meet us around back in the Community Garden.

Let's Play! Storytime 10 a.m. This storytime is intended for the more active child and children under 3. We'll have a healthy blend of open play, structured games, felt board activities and storybook reading. The loose structure will allow the group to fluidly spend time socializing together. We hope to see you at our Jeffersonville Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library (downstairs in the children's room). Please register at www.WSPLonline.org.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month – Virtual S.P.E.A.R. AND S.W.I.M. INTO WELLNESS presentation, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Virtually join Wendy Blanchard, Holistic Health Coach and Mental Health educator, for a wellness workshop. Wendy will teach us how to implement the methods in her new book, *Write Pray Recover: A Journey To Wellness Through Spiritual Solutions and Self Care* as a part of this training. Please register at www.WSPLonline.org to receive the Zoom Link.

Thursday, May 26

WSPL In-person Book Discussion 6 p.m. Join the book discussion group and discuss a classic: *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Meeting destination to be announced. For more information and to register, visit the Calendar on our website, www.WSPLonline.org.

Friday, May 27

Rummage Sale 5 - 8 p.m. Proceeds go toward local and global needs. Beach Lake United Methodist Church, behind the Fire Hall & Post Office, Beach Lake, PA. Contact (570) 229-3697 for more info.

Saturday, May 28

Rummage Sale 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds go toward local and global needs. Beach Lake United Methodist Church, behind the Fire Hall & Post Office, Beach Lake, PA. Contact (570) 229-3697 for more info.

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5:30 - 9 p.m. This year will feature live and silent auctions, Rockland House famous prime rib, Catskill Legends Award and Lee Wulff Conservation Award recognition ceremony and more! Visit www.cffcm.com for tickets!

Sunday, May 29

Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Adults - \$8, children 5-12 - \$5, under 5 free. Mountain-dale Fire Company, 132 Main St., Mountain-dale. For more info email mtdalefire@gmail.com.

WSPL Take & Make - Crafting Calm. May 29th - June 4th. Enjoy this amazing mindfulness kit designed especially for your child. It contains fun activities that will help them focus on their breath and create a calm mind, body and spirit. All of our kits are free for children ages 11 and under and available for contactless pick-up at each branch while supplies last. Please register at www.WSPLonline.org by Sunday so we can have your packet ready for pickup by Wednesday.

Friday, June 3

Foods of the Delaware Highlands with Live and Silent Auctions. Foods of the Delaware



Highlands is the Conservancy's primary benefit event in 2022 and tickets are available for purchase now on DelawareHighlands.org. Event tickets are \$150 per person, which includes a \$75 charitable gift to the Conservancy. Visit www.DelawareHighlands.org in May to view the full slate of auction items and begin placing bids in the silent auction. Reserve your seat or sponsor Foods of the Delaware Highlands by visiting www.DelawareHighlands.org or by contacting the Conservancy at 570-226-3164 or 845-583-1010. Held at The Settlers Inn in Hawley, PA.

Ezell: Ballad of a Land Man Performance by Clear Creek Creative at Farm Arts Collective. Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Sunday at 4 p.m. Ezell: Ballad of a Land Man is an environmental, cultural and spiritual parable derived from living in the foothills of Appalachia, one man among many seeking to make sense of the time, place and condition in which we live. In the story, Ezell's choices, traumas and ancestors intersect with themes of domination and resilience as he seeks to take advantage of an anticipated fracking boom and the opportunity to reconnect with the people and land of his raising. This performance is a 3-hour experience with walking on uneven ground (expect to walk over 1 mile). Following each performance is a community meal is served accompanied by old timey music. For more info visit farmartscollective.org.

Saturday, June 4

Thrift Sales at the Grahamsville UMC 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The sale includes clothing, new and used, for all ages, household and decorating items, jewelry, toys and much more. Free coffee and great fellowship! Donations to our thrift ministry can be made on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment by calling Lee at 845-985-3128 or Ruth at 845-985-7222.

Celebrate National Trails Day in Parksville.

Come celebrate National Trails Day with Sullivan 180, Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance. The kick-off will take place at 9 a.m. on the Parksville Section of the historic Sullivan O&W Rail Trail (Trailhead A: Old Route 17 & Fox Mountain Road, Parksville). Opening remarks with special guests will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a trail clean-up and hiking. There will also be Sullivan County Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Disposal Coupons on hand, that waive disposal fees for trail trash brought to County-operated transfer stations through June 30. For more information on the Countywide "Litter Pluck" coupons, please call the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287. To learn more

about the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail, please visit www.SullivanOandW.com.

Sunday, June 5

Catskill Region AACA Car Show. Gates open 9 a.m. Antique, classic and custom car owners from all over the region will gather in Rock Hill at Rock Hill Firehouse, 61 Glen Wild Rd. Rock Hill to show off to the public their beautiful antique, classic and custom cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors. This Car Show, celebrating its 57th year, is the longest running and largest car show in Sullivan County. Call (845) 932-8923, (845) 798-4173 or visit www.catskillregionaaca.org for more information. The Catskill Region Antique Automobile Club of America brings together old car enthusiasts to share all facets of the old car hobby. **VENDORS WANTED, CRAFTS, AUTO, NON-AUTO AND NON-FOOD** Call Vicky at (845) 932-8923 for details. For info email barbutifurniture@verizon.net or visit www.catskillregionaaca.org.

21st Annual Sullivan Cup Golf Tournament 10 a.m. Proceeds from the annual Sullivan Cup tournament benefit scholarships for SUNY Sullivan athletes. The Sullivan Cup is an 18-hole four-person scramble tournament and takes place June 5 at Swan Lake Golf & Country Club in Manorville, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$100 per golfer and includes golf, green fee, cart, lunch, post-round hors d'oeuvres, on-course refreshments, and gift. The tournament includes a 50-50 raffle and special prizes for top teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. For info about the Sullivan Cup, visit Sunysullivan.edu. For reservations and sponsorships, contact Christopher DePew, 845-434-5750, ext. 4431, cdepew@sunysullivan.edu, or Brent Wilson 845-434-5750, ext. 4293, bwilson@sunysullivan.edu.

Monday, June 6

Open Mic at The Tango Cafe! Held the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. The floor, and the mic, are yours! Bring your family, friends, talents, and face masks for a fun night of supporting each other in what keeps your soul happy! Hosted by the one and only Caswyn Moon! Tango Cafe, 221 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more info visit <https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org/open-mic-the-tango-cafe>.

Monday, June 13

Summer Festival of Park Events 7:30 - 9 p.m. Featuring: The Barbershoppers- Local male choir under the direction of Tammy Ebert singing in harmony and performing old time favorites. Honesdale Central Park, Church St., Honesdale, PA. For more info visit www.honesdaleparkevents.org.



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